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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of
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Sir:

Please undertake the following changes:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 6, 8 as follows:

Claim 4 (Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate control device is controlled in accordance with a command code transmitted from the main control device, and the lower control device is controlled in accordance with a command code transmitted from the intermediate control device.

Claim 6 (Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 5, wherein the lower control device is equipped with a lamp control board.

Claim 8 (Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 7, wherein the lower control device is equipped with a control board

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